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## **More Than 200 Additional Bike Parking Spaces to Make RNC Events in Saint Paul Easier to Access**

*Partnership doubles number of spaces during Republican National Convention*

Widely known for its network of extensive bike trails, lanes, bike-friendly streets and strong bike-commuting culture, the metropolitan area will put bike accessibility center stage during the Republican National Convention, with Saint Paul featuring more than 430 bike parking spaces in and around downtown.

The additional bike racks will be in place starting Friday evening, August 29, and stay up through Friday, Sept. 5. The temporary racks are thanks to a partnership between St. Paul Smart Trips, the City of Saint Paul, and Twin Cities-based Dero Bike Rack Company.

"Saint Paul will be open for business during the Republican National Convention with public parties and concerts, civic events like the showing of the Declaration of Independence, and a host of new shops and restaurants entertaining workers, residents, and visitors alike," said Mayor Chris Coleman. "One of the best ways to access these events will be by bike, and providing the extra parking spaces will make cycling to downtown an easier, traffic-free option."

The temporary racks will add 238 spaces to the existing 200 spaces downtown that are not inside of the vehicle restriction area. The public spaces will be free to use and spread out over six sites in downtown:

- Walnut St. between W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Smith Ave.
- 7A Ramp
- Robert St. Ramp (7<sup>th</sup> St. entrance)
- Block 19 Ramp (7<sup>th</sup> St. entrance)
- Lowertown Ramp (Sibley entrance)
- St. Paul Farmer's Market (Broadway St., Wall St., and E 5<sup>th</sup> St. sides)

St. Paul Smart Trips has produced a map available for pick up at their downtown office in the skyway and for download on its website at [www.smart-trips.org](http://www.smart-trips.org).

With 45,000 convention goers and members of the media expected during the convention, bicycle commuting will play a large role in reducing increased congestion during the 4-day event.

St. Paul Smart Trips is dedicated to helping those who live, work or play in St. Paul add options to their trips like biking, walking, taking transit and ridesharing.

St. Paul Smart Trips will be holding an open house 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, to provide information on getting around during the Republican National Convention. More information on options for getting around can be found at [www.smart-trips.org](http://www.smart-trips.org). Please visit [www.stpaul.gov](http://www.stpaul.gov) for more information regarding the RNC.

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